

Vaccine Use Guidelines for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics

Virginia Vaccines For Children (VVFC):

All VVFC eligible children should receive vaccine provided by the VVFC program free of charge. See VVFC program eligibility requirements below.

Children under the age of 19 who meet one or more of the following criteria are VVFC vaccine eligible at a FQHC or RHC:

- Enrolled in Medicaid, including Medicaid HMOs
- Have no health insurance
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Have health insurance that does not cover vaccinations (underinsured)

Non-VVFC Eligible Children:

Patients who are **NOT VVFC eligible and under the age of 19** may receive routine vaccines required for school entry free of charge using stock supplied by GIV. These vaccines include DTaP, hepatitis B, Hib, MMR, polio, Td, and varicella. Patients may also receive MMRV, pneumococcal, and Tdap vaccine free of charge consistent with the following policies:

MMRV vaccine may be administered free of charge to all children 12 months through 12 years only when both components are indicated.

Pneumococcal vaccine may be administered free of charge to all children less than 2 years of age.

Tdap vaccine should be administered free of charge to all children at entry into the sixth grade beginning July 1, 2006, if at least five years have elapsed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine.

Patients who are not VVFC eligible and who do not meet the above criteria for MMRV, pneumococcal, and Tdap vaccines should receive privately purchased vaccine with the cost charged to the patient.

Hepatitis A, meningococcal, and rotavirus vaccines are only available free for VVFC eligible children. Patients who are not VVFC eligible should receive privately purchased vaccine.

Adult Immunizations (19 years and up) Only the following routine vaccines should be administered free of charge using stock supplied by GIV to all adults: **MMR, polio, and Td.**